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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of Use of 112A Camera Configuration

1. Initially COMOR recommended [] targets in Cuba for coverage by the 112A camera. [] of those targets were covered in the first mission on 13 October. COMOR recommended a second mission which was accomplished on 19 October (the report on this will be available 28 October). Meanwhile, COMOR has prepared an additional list of targets, looking toward obtaining coverage of every target for which this camera could produce information bearing upon our requirements. On 29 October, the COMOR Working Group will carefully go over all coverage thus far acquired to examine what remaining targets are of sufficient importance to warrant further missions. Unless some new development arises, we look forward to the possibility that our immediate needs in Cuba for the use of this camera may be satisfied in the very near future.

2. At the Board meeting on 16 October, you queried whether a mosaic of the island would be in order with the new camera. COMOR does not believe there is a requirement for a mosaic with the 112A because in most areas the B configuration allows us to state definitively whether there is any cultural development at all. In addition, because of []

[], it would take a tremendous quantity of missions and film to accomplish such a mosaic which also would require a great deal of personnel to examine it needlessly.

3. You will recall that recently COMOR recommended the use of []

[] At that time you mentioned the possibility that this need could be satisfied with the 112A. A special study is being prepared by the NPIC [] on this question.

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However, the conclusion of the COMOR on the basis of information already available to it is that the 112A could not provide the kind of information [redacted]

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4. Meanwhile, COMOR is preparing, in order of priority, targets in China which it believes warrant the use of the 112A camera. These targets will be completed by mid-week so that as soon as our immediate Cuba needs are satisfied, we can recommend that the 112A camera be used in China.

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Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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